
Another Wrong View of the Church: Do We Assemble to Worship God?

1. Principle: We Should Speak and Think _____

2. _____ Purpose: "We Come Together to Worship"

a. Related Statements and Concepts:

- "Worship Service"
- "Worship Team"
- "Let's worship the Lord together." (This can be OK...)
- Worship = SINGING (or playing MUSIC, etc.)
- Others?

3. Problem #1: Where Does the Bible _____ This?

4. Problem #2: How NT "Worship" Terms Are _____

a. eusebeo (εὐσεβέω) – to worship; show piety (2x)

- Acts 17:23 "the one you worship without knowing"
- 1 Tim 5:4 "let them first learn to show piety at home"

b. eusebeia (εὐσέβεια) – godliness (15x)

- Acts 3:12 "as though by our own power or godliness"
- 1 Tim 2:2;3:16;4:7,8;6:3,5,6,11
- 2 Tim 3:5 "having a form of godliness"
- Titus 1:1 "which accords with godliness"
- 2 Pet 1:3,6,7,11

c. sebasma (σέβασμα) – an object of worship; sanctuary (2x)

- Acts 17:23 "the objects of your worship"
- 2 Thes 2:4 "exalts himself above all ... that is worshiped"

d. sebo (σέβω) – to worship (10x)

- Mt 15:9; Mk 7:7 "in vain they worship Me"
- Acts 13:34,50;17:4 "devout [people]"
- Acts 16:14 "Lydia ... who worshiped God" (cf. Justus 18:7)
- Acts 17:17 "[Gentile] worshippers"
- Acts 18:13 "persuades men to worship God contrary to the law"
- Acts 19:27 "Diana ... whom all Asia and the world worship"

e. threskeia (θρησκεία) – religion; worship (4x)

- Acts 26:5 "our religion"
- Col 2:18 "worship of angels"
- James 1:26 "if among you thinks he is religious"
- James 1:27 "pure and undefiled religion"

f. proskuneo (προσκυνέω) – bow down to kiss; worship (60x)

- Mt 2:2 "we have seen His star ... and have come to worship Him"
- Mt 2:11 "they...fell down and worshiped Him"
- Matthew 13x; Mark 2x; Luke 3x; John 11x; Acts 4x; 1 Cor 1x; Heb 2x; Rev 24x

g. latreuo (λατρεύω) – to serve by carrying out religious duties (21x)

- Mt 4:10 "and Him only you shall serve"(cf. Lk 4:8)
- Acts 7:42 "God ... gave them up to worship the host of heaven"
- Rom 1:25 "who worshiped and served the creature rather than..."
- Phil 3:3 "who worship God in the Spirit"
- 2 Tim 1:3 "whom I serve with a pure conscience"

h. latreia (λατρεία) – religious service; worship (5x)

- Jn 16:2 "whoever kills you will think that he offers God service"
- Rom 9:4 "Israelites, to whom [pertain] the service [of God]"
- Rom 12:1 "[which is] your reasonable service."
- Heb 9:1 "first covenant ... ordinances of divine service"
- Heb 9:6 "the priests ... the tabernacle ... performing the services"

5. Summary of Words:

a. The Bible never labels a gathering as a "_____"

b. We can sing as worship, but worship does not _____ singing.

6. Biblical Principles Regarding the Concept of _____:

a. Our worship of God must be in _____ and _____

John 4:20-24 ²³ "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

b. Our worship of God encompasses our entire _____

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your reasonable service.

7. Biblical Reasons for Gathering...